HERSHEY'S MILL BUS TRIPS CURRENTLY OPEN FOR SIGN-UPS

(New Trips & Updates Added)

Bus Trip Information can also be viewed online at www.hersheysmill.org/activities/bustrips/

Philadelphia Flower Show (Wait List Only)

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Cost: \$25.00 + Lunch, Departs: 10:00am

Contact: Priscilla Burt

This year's theme, "United by Flowers," celebrates the unique and colorful community born out of our shared love and appreciation of gardening. Cost is for bus only, and lunch is on your own. Tickets can be purchased online at www.phsonline.org/the-flower-show

New York City – (A Day on Your Own)

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Cost: \$40.00 + Meals, Departs: 8:45am

Contact: Janet Leyfert

Spring is coming! If you are longing for shopping, to be entertained by a Broadway show, or to visit a museum, then join us for a day of free time on your own (or with friends) in New York City. Hop on a tour bus or sign up for Tea Around Town, a NYC bus tour in Manhattan, decorated like a Victorian vintage tea shop. The bus will drop you off and pick you up in the same location; and what you do in between is up to you!

Holland Ridge U-Pick Tulip Farm

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Cost: \$40.00 + Lunch, Departs: 9:00am

Contact: Janet Leyfert

Experience the wonder of over 8 million tulips in bloom at this 300-acre family farm in New Jersey. Bring your camera/phone for selfies at the Cinderella carriage, or complimentary hayride shuttle, feeding zoo, and many other photo props for pictures. Browse the Holland Museum and/or gift shop for Dutch Souvenirs. U-Pick tulips are \$1 per flower plus tax. Food trucks are provided for lunch, or you can bring your own lunch and drink (non-alcoholic) to enjoy at the available picnic benches. We will leave Holland Ridge at 3:00pm. Please note that there will still be walking on grass and gravel, and this is a rain-or-shine event. **SIGN-UP DEADLINE:** Friday, April 5, 2024.

Philadelphia Orchestra

Friday, May 3, 2024

Cost: \$25.00, Departs: 12:00pm

Contact: Priscilla Burt

Join us at the Kimmel Center for the world-renowned Philadelphia Orchestra's performance of Sergei Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3, famous for its interconnecting themes and beauty for the pianist. Also, you will enjoy Bela Bartok's popular Concerto for Orchestra, as each section of instruments is treated in a soloistic way. Cost is for bus only. Individual tickets may be purchased online at www.philorch.org or by calling 215-893-1999.

Ocean City, NJ - Spring Block Party

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Cost: \$35.00 + Lunch, Departs: 9:00am

Contact: Mary Ann McCarry

Join us for a fun day at the Spring Block Party in downtown Ocean City, NJ, on Asbury Avenue from 5th Street to 14th Street. There will be sidewalk sales, over 350 crafters, lots of vendors, music in the air, and lots of fun, food, and sweet treats. You can take a walk on the boardwalk and enjoy the ocean view, too! Lunch is on your own at one of the many restaurants/vendors; and we will leave Ocean City at 4:00pm to return to Hershey's Mill.

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Cost: \$35.00, Departs: 9:00am

Contact: Jayne Lytle

With springtime comes sunshine and wildflowers. An excellent time to join the Nature Group on a visit to the Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve (BHWP) located in New Hope, PA. This 134-acre Preserve hosts a native plant collection featuring over 700 of Pennsylvania's 2000 native plant species. BHWP's mission—to increase the knowledge and use of native plants—serves as an educational resource and destination that inspires conservation action. Preserve trained naturalists will serve as guides as we discover the flowers and fruits in season, as well as the habitats and important plant-animal interactions while enjoying the beauty of the trails. Our tour will take approximately one hour. The pathways are <u>not</u> handicapped accessible. After the tour, we'll have free time to enjoy the picnic area so bring a lunch or snack and a folding chair. A gift shop and restroom will also be available. We will leave Bowman's about 1:30 p.m.. Should weather prohibit our tour on May 7, we have booked a rain date of Thursday, May 9. Be sure to mark your calendar for both dates.

Cape May, NJ

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Cost: \$35.00 + Lunch, Departs: 8:30am

Contact: Mary Ann McCarry

Join us as we go "On The Way to Cape May" for a day of shopping and strolling along Washington Square Mall, walking along the beach and seaside, and dining at one of Cape May's popular restaurants. An optional 45-minute Victorian Cape May Trolley Tour is also available at an additional cost of \$20.00.

HM Discoverers Road To Freedom Series – Battle of Brandywine

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Cost: \$55.00, Departs: 10:00am

Contact: Priscilla Burt

Join the Hershey's Mill's Discoverers for the second installment of the "Road to Freedom" series. This tour will explore the area of Chester and Delaware counties connected with the American Revolution's Battle of Brandywine, the largest land battle of the war. The battle was fought on September 11, 1777. Hershey's Mill's own author Bruce E. Mowday will guide the tour. Bruce has written three books on the Battle of Brandywine, including the first history of the battle and two books on Lafayette and his participation in the battle. The bus will make stops at vital points where Geroge Washington, Lafayette, and Alexander Hamilton stood during the battle. A lunch at the historic Chadds Ford Tavern is planned where Bruce will be available for questions. If interested, quickly make reservations. The first tour of the Road to Freedom series sold out within days of being posted. The walking difficulty for this trip will be moderate, with stops at various vista points. Lunch is included in the cost of the trip.

SERIES TRIPS

Thursday & Saturday Matinees

Cost: \$60.00 (Per Show)

Departs: 12:30pm

Thursday Series Contact: Jayne Lytle Saturday Series Contact: Priscilla Burt

We encourage you to sign up right away, as these series fill up very quickly! Cost reflects both per person admission and bus fee for all five shows in the series. The Walnut Street Theatre's 2023-2024 Season includes the following shows for both series:

Thursday 3/7/24 & Saturday 3/9/24 – "GROUCHO: A LIFE IN REVUE"

Thursday 4/18/24 & Saturday 4/20/24 – "BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL"

2024-2025 Walnut Street Theatre Series

Thursday & Saturday Matinees

Cost: \$295.00 (Series) or \$60.00 (Per Show)

Departs: 12:30pm

Thursday Series Contact: Jayne Lytle (Wait List Only)

Saturday Series Contact: Priscilla Burt

We encourage you to sign up right away, as these series fill up very quickly! Cost reflects both per person admission and bus fee for all five shows in the series. The Walnut Street Theatre's 2024-2025 Season includes the following shows for both series:

Thursday 10/24/24 & Saturday 10/26/24 – "JERSEY BOYS"

Thursday 12/12/24 & Saturday 12/14/24 - "ELF – The Musical"

Thursday 1/30/25 & Saturday 2/1/25 – "DRIVING MISS DAISY"

Thursday 3/6/25 & Saturday 3/8/25 – "Noel Coward's HAY FEVER"

Thursday 4/17/25 & Saturday 4/19/25 – "DREAMGIRLS"

NOTES:

- 1. Prior to making payment, anyone who wishes to participate in a bus trip must first call the contact person to ensure that there is still room on the bus.
- 2. All bus riders must be aged 18 or older unless otherwise noted in the trip write-up.
- 3. Trip payment checks should be made payable to "HERSHEY'S MILL HOA", sealed in an envelope (noting trip name and date), and placed in the maroon "Customer Service" mailbox next to the Security Center in the exit lane at the Main Gate.
- 4. Refunds are only granted if (1) the trip is canceled, or (2) the trip has a wait list from which another passenger can fill the vacated spot.
- 5. Bus leaves promptly at the scheduled Leave Time. Please plan to arrive at the Recreation Area parking lot 10 minutes early for boarding.
- 6. The Hershey's Mill Bus Committee is always looking for more volunteers to help share ideas and plan bus trips! If interested, call Marc Fraser at 610-431-4006.
- 7. Hershey's Mill residents can rent the bus to take groups of other residents (primarily) and guests on private trips to various regional locations of their choice. For more information, contact Marc Fraser at 610-431-4006.